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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Bennett et al

Application No.: 09/921,167

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Title: Method and apparatus for a network  
independent short message delivery system

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Commissioner for Patents

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed July 25, 2005, the Applicants submit the following:

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 1 of this paper.

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